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THE HOUSE COMMITTEE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

ATTENTION: GASTRONOMES, WINE-BIBERS, FINE-GEULES,
OENOLOGISTS AND EX-PARIS CORRESPONDENTS WHO CAN
TELL A VINTAGE YEAR BY JUST SMELLING THE CORK --

THERE WILL BE A
WINE TASTING CONTEST

AT THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUBROOMS, 1475 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1949
Time: 5:30 P.M. to 8 P.M.

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Come early and taste leisurely. Final scores will be tallied promptly at 7 P.M. The panel of judges will be headed by Tom Marvel, co-author (with Frank Schoonmaker) of THE COMPLETE WINE BOOK AND AMERICAN WINES.

Non-contestants may imbibe hors-concours wines, courtesy of Frank Schoonmaker, who will also furnish unnamed nectars to challenge the contestants' palates as well as prizes.

There will be soda pop and other beverages for non-wine-drinkers as usual as well as a light buffet.

MEMBERS SHOULD RETURN THEIR CARDS IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THE COMMITTEE CAN PREPARE FOR THE RIGHT NUMBER.

NOTICE:::::EACH MEMBER MAY BRING ONLY ONE GUEST

A luncheon had been arranged for this week to have members hear LEO MARGOLIN, who has just returned from six months to the far East, speaking about "A POLICE REPORTER LOOKS AT INDIA" and JACK BIRNS and ROY ROWAN, The Time-Life Writer-Photographer Team who have recently covered stories in China, Malaya, Burma, Indo-China and the Philippines. BIRNS won the 1948 OPC Annual Award for the best photography of the year. The above three members will be present and speak informally at this party.

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THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK AND NO LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 21st, THE WEDNESDAY OF CHRISTMAS WEEK.

OFFICIAL

MEETING OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE...5:45 P.M. in the clubrooms...Tuesday, Dec.13th
MEETING OF THE TELEVISION COMMITTEE...5:00 P.M. in the clubrooms...Thursday, Dec.15th
MEETING OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE...6:00 P.M. in the clubrooms...Tuesday, Dec.20th

WHY NOT BUY THE NEW OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB BOOK "MEN WHO SHAPE YOUR WORLD" published by E. P. Dutton and Company to give as a Christmas gift this year? Editor and Publisher devotes over two columns to "this pungently incisive volume of current biographies by members of the Overseas Press Club who eye-witnessed their subjects...world figures are neither acidly nor eulogistically but candidly etched". The review devoted considerable space to the chapters on Stalin, Truman and Tito.

TELEVISION

"OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB" TELEVISION SHOW for Sunday, December 11th, on CBS, Channel 2, will discuss the topic "Japan and Asia; Profit or Loss?" The moderator will be Quincy Howe of the CBS staff with the lineup of President FRANK KELLEY, national editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune and lately Tokyo correspondent of that newspaper; Lt. General Robert L. Eichelberger, commander of the 8th U. S. (Occupation) Army in Japan under General MacArthur and ROY ROWAN and JACK BIRNS, Time-Life writer-photographer team in the Far East, just returned from Asia en route to a new assignment; last U. S. correspondents to see imprisoned Consul Angus Ward in Mukden, China.

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JOE LAITIN of Reuters' reports that Liv Pomeroy, formerly UP in Rome and Washington, has returned to New York after a year in Italy. He is writing a book.

GEORGE PALMER with his wife and two children will sail December 28th on the S. S. Vulcania. PALMER will work in AP's Rome bureau. Mrs. Palmer is the former correspondent Helen Camp.

GABRIEL PRESSMAN, of the N. Y. World Telegram, had two articles recently in other publications. One in the N. Y. Times magazine about "What is Democracy" and the other in the American Legion and the Catholic Digest on "They Howl for Justice", comparing the Mindzenty Trial with the American Communist Trial.

BILL DOWNS of CBS in Germany has been busy with the West German State looming as a new potential in the European scene. In Berlin, the East Satellite Government appears to be taking the play away from Frankfurt....another crisis seems to be stayed until Spring when another appears to be in the making.

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Crises and crocus seem to be patterns for diplomats and naturalists. Another DOWNS will debut in January no matter what the foreign ministers decide.. Wife Roz feels fine but BILL is nervous. The American Press Club in Berlin now stocks Czech Pilsner beer at two bits a bottle---almost as good as Budweiser, according to DOWNS.

AVAILABLE....according to MARCELLE HENRY, a Riverside Drive apartment at 306 West 91st Street, consisting of one living room, bedroom, kitchen, bath and vestibule, newly furnished and renovated at \$125.00 per month. Call Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Price at TR-3-5149 for further details.

JAMES S. HART recently addressed the aviation division of the New York Board of Trade on "Public Relations in Air Transportation".

STANLEY ROSS, editor and publisher of the Wilmington (Delaware) Sunday Star has become President of the Dover Index Publishing Company, publishers of the 65 year old Dover Index. ROSS is also publisher now of the Newark (Delaware) News and the Wilmington Advertiser.

BERTRAM PERKINS, European correspondent of Fairchild Publications, is in New York for business and short leave. He will be in the States until after Christmas.

DAVE DARRAH, formerly of the Chicago Tribune, arrived this week on the S.S. Ile De France for a short business trip in the States from Paris. DARRAH says that there is a great deal of social unrest in France and that, this winter, coal will still be short and French apartments badly heated.

BOB CONSIDINE of INS with Mrs. Considine; KATHRYN CRAVENS and other OPC members left by plane December 8th for a week end in Puerto Rico for the opening of the Caribe Hotel.

THURSTON MACAULEY is now Chief of the Press section of the Information Department of ECA in Paris.

SERGE FLIEGERS writes the cover piece in the December issue of the American Mercury. It is a character portrait of General Romulo and also gives the inside information on the plan to stop communism in the Pacific.

RICHARD THOMAS of the Broadcast desk of the New York Times is having a quick trip to Europe, spending a day in the Azores, a day in Lisbon, two days in Madrid and several weeks in Paris.

CON GEBBIE is engaged in his annual labor of work and love in the revision of the wartime Yank, Stars and Stripes and Army News Service personnel. Information on changes of address and affiliation should be sent to Gebbie at Shell Oil Company, 50 West 50th Street, New York City.

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ANDY LOGAN, staff writer for the New Yorker magazine. Accredited correspondent for Germany and Austria for New Yorker magazine, August 1946 to October 1948.

PERCY WOOD, staff correspondent in India for the Chicago Tribune, now stationed in Delhi. Continually overseas for his newspaper since August 1946, assigned to India and Pakistan; frequently sent to Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Malaya and Saudi-Arabia.

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BOOKS RECENTLY RECEIVED IN THE OPC LIBRARY

EVERYWHERE I ROAM by BEN LUCIEN BURMAN from Doubleday and Co.

ONE HALF THE PEOPLE by CHARLES MORROW WILSON from William Sloane Associates

THE AMERICAN TRAGEDY by THEODORE DREISER from Signet Books

THE FICTION OF THE FORTIES by WHIT and HALLIE BURNETT from E. P. Dutton and Co.

THE ODESSEY, a reprint from Mentor Books from the the New American Library

PEACE ON EARTH, Introduction by Robert Sherwood from BENJAMIN COHEN

WALDEN by HENRY DAVID THOREAU from the New American Library

The German Bureau Headquarters of the New York Times have been moved from Berlin to Frankfurt for purposes of being nearer to Bonn, seat of West German Government and Allied Command.

A SECOND questionnaire has been sent to members who did not fill in the original one for the forthcoming "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence". Deadline for returning these blanks is December 16th for members in the U. S. A. and December 27th for those members abroad.

RALPH JULES FRANTZ, Treasurer of the OPC, reported at the December Board Meeting that the Club had given Mr. Lucian Kirtland, Treasurer of our Correspondents Fund, the sum of \$2,211.00 in the first eight months of this fiscal year of the OPC which runs from April 1 to April 1. Receipts of the Club during this time had amounted to more than \$14,000, while expenditures had totaled around \$12,000. The balance in the Club Treasury at this time is almost \$12,000.

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AMERICAN AIRLINES



THE CLUB OFFICE has again a pretty good supply of foreign stamps. Write for your share if you wish for them as soon as possible.

WOULD SOME CLUB MEMBER be interested in renting a beautiful furnished farm house with all conveniences (oil heat, two baths, and a dream kitchen) complete with a garbage disposal unit for \$150 ??? If so, call Ferndale, Bucks County, Pa. 1 R 6. The house is 18 miles from Flemington, N. J. and would be fine for a writer who does not have to go into New York every day. There is also a tenant farmer who can take care of the house when the owner is away; lease can be had for any period up to three years.

STANLEY HIGH of Reader's Digest writes in Plain Talk for December that "We're For Government Economy, But"; CJARE BOOTHE LUCE discusses "The FCC vs. God"; GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT asks "Who'll Drop The Next Atom Bomb" and ISAAC DON LEVINE takes "Two Ghosts Out of Germany", all in the same issue.

AT the luncheon at ROSOFF'S on November 30th, HAL LEHRMAN, recently returned from an extended trip to countries behind the iron curtain, said that the U. S. is playing safe with the people in power now in western European countries. Hal does not feel that it is good to play politics with people on the extreme right rather than those of the center and moderate groups as we have done in Greece, Turkey and Germany.

LEHRMAN said that Turkey, although it has been aided by the U. S. on the military side, has not been helped, from the point of view of the people, on the political side. He said that Turkey cannot stop the USSR if it pushes forward there now, and the Turkish people are wondering if we are playing on the conservative side of their government just for our own safety.

We have not done anything to change the German mind, according to this member. Our U. S. Personnel staff is insecure in Germany and poorly informed, said LEHRMAN, and our premature handing back of the government to German personnel is not a good thing.

HAL also said that the present Russian Policy is our best defense now and that this is our chance to call every one of their bluffs.

OFFICIAL

The Board of Governors at its December meeting ordered the OPC Bulletin Editor, who founded it four and a half years ago and has written every weekly issue since then, to run the following item written by President FRANK KELLEY.

"At its last meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, in the clubrooms at 1475 Broadway, the Board of Governors, by a vote of 12 to 5, decided to terminate, with a vote of thanks for her services, the work of Miss Hester Hensell as the paid officer of the Club. A committee of the President and past Presidents will negotiate for the services of a new Secretary".

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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